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The month of September has been exciting by taking part in the national *Back to Church Sunday* celebration and campaign. We had a beautiful front page newspaper article to highlight the event. During the event, we were reminded as a church about the importance of inviting someone to attend a service. We often take for granted that people will one day wake up and make the decision to go to church – and even more of a leap—to believe that the church they choose will be ours. What we have found through the campaign is that most people have not been invited to church recently. We have to take bold steps and be brave when inviting our friends and family to church. The reason we fail to do so, is mostly due to our fear of rejection. No one likes to be rejected. I encourage you as we move into October, to be brave and be bold.

We need to keep in mind the Lord may be working behind the scenes in someone's life about church attendance. This poses the question; would God supernaturally place someone in our path who needs invited to church? If we believe that's possible, then should we not take the responsibility of inviting someone to church? I was on a visit last week with one of our church members and a neighbor of this person was present. I asked the neighbor, do you go to church anywhere, if not, you should stop by and see us some time. She responded with a prompt, yes, I attend a church and she told me about it. What was amazing, was the fact we immediately had something in common, we were both Christians. It was wonderful. So my invitation did not work out like I had hoped, but it led to good conversation. I met a really nice person as a result. We don't have to be scared to invite someone to church, but we do have to be bold to take the first step. I challenge you to take a deep breath and ask that special friend or family member who has not been to church recently.

On another note, I want to thank those of you who are helping with the End Zone celebrations again this year. We had 127 young people at the first event. October will be a busy month with three more End Zones. Please continue to support the End Zone ministry with snack foods, water, soda, and cookies. *Our church has provided this ministry for over a decade and what a blessing it is!* Our church serves as a safe haven for kids after each home football game. If you are able, please consider attending and helping serve, chaperone, or come at 11 p.m. to help clean up.

To that end, I want to leave you with a call for help. I need a few people who are willing to help volunteer with our evening nursery and God's Cadet programs. We need volunteer teachers. Perhaps you do not regularly attend evening services, but would be willing to come out on a Sunday or Wednesday evening to help volunteer in these areas. You can treat it like a "miniature" Bible School. We are really making headway with our youth numbers and want to continue the momentum. You can do a 15-20 brief lesson and include a craft or game and snack. Have fun with it. Please see Sandy Confer or me, if you will take a turn at serving. I still remember my Sunday School teacher. *I promise the impact you will have on these young people will be remembered.* This could be end up being a revival of sorts for you personally.

Think about it!

In His service,

Pastor Toby



Captivate is beginning a busy season! Our youth are involved in more activities than just church so we are working our way around some of those activities in order to include our kids.

We are sponsoring 3 End Zones this month! That's a lot of activity for Friday nights. We had 125 people attending the last one. As always, we will need help with snacks, water and sodas. But we especially need kitchen and clean up crews and **chaperones.** The End Zone is a safe, fun place for the community youth to hang out. *Let's make sure it is as safe as possible and show our youth how much we care.* The End Zones are October 4, 18, and 25. Please bring donations to the kitchen area.

Our plans for a trip to Hawk's Nest to see the fall foliage will be pushed to November due to the Ravenswood band competitions each Saturday in October. We don't want to leave anyone out so this trip will be in November.

The kids have been listening to the Sunday morning sermons! The youth are reaching out and bringing in more kids to our meetings on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. I'm so proud of them for their witness for the Lord.

We will be dressing up in crazy costumes again for Trick or Treat night on Thursday, October 31. The kids will be handing out candy for Treat Street in front of the church. If you are able to donate bags of candy treats, please bring them to my office (across from Pastor Toby's office). Treat Street will start at 6:00 and end at 7:30. Thanks for helping with this fun event!

On November 3 at 5:30, we will have our annual bonfire (wind and weather allowing) at my farm on Flatwoods Road. All the church is invited to come and have a great time.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to work with your kids. I love them!



Monthly Meetings & Activities						
Oct 1 Love Gift Month						
Oct 4 End Zone						
Oct 7 Trustee Meeting @ 6:00						
Deacons Meeting @ 7:00						
Oct 9 3rd Quarterly Reports Due						
Oct 14 Men's Fellowship @ 6:30						
BOCE @ 7:00						
Oct 16 Third Quarter Business Meeting						
Oct 17 CIRCLE @ 7:00						
Oct 18 End Zone						
WVBC Annual Meeting begins						
Women's Day at the Convention						
Oct 21 Anchor Articles Due						
Oct 24 The Great Pizza & Pumpkin Event @ 6						
Oct 25 End Zone						
Oct 27 Social/Fellowship Committee Meeting						
Children's Fall Festival @ 6:30						
Oct 31 Trick or Treat Street @ 6:00						
Nursery Workers						
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- Oct 6 Bev Stephenson
- Oct 13 Andrea Crow
- Oct 20 Destiny Thomas
- Oct 27 Leigh Ann Kerns

Children's Church

- Oct 6 Jen Wagoner
- Oct 13 Deb Lyons
- Oct 20 Sami Wagoner
- Oct 27 Richard Massey

CommUnity Kitchen

- Oct 5 Susan West Crew
- Oct 12 FUMC
- Oct 19 Episcopal Church
- Oct 26 Burt Lyons

Bell Ringers

Oct 6 Jazalyn Morgan Oct 13 Cass Bennett Oct 20 Conner Wyant Oct 27 Aiden Morgan

Deaconess for Communion

Rose Stephenson

Junior Usher Brody Noble



Focus on Sunday School:

She had blue skin And so did he. He kept it hid And so did she. They searched for blue Their whole life through, Then passed right by--And never knew.

-Shel Silverstein

We all wear masks of some kind. Maybe to cover our feelings of sadness, loneliness, insecurity and more.

We look around and see others as having it all together - they have more they are better.

But the Lord sees our hearts, He hears our prayers, feels our tears...He knows us. We cannot wear a mask before God.

We learn about Jesus and His love in Sunday School. We learn to trust Him. We hear the Word and learn the stories of Truth, Purity, Goodness, and Salvation.

Take off your mask and join us each Sunday morning. You may see the blue in someone else.



October is Pastor's Appreciation Month

Prays faithfully for his people Asks the Lord for guidance for His church Sincerely preaches the Word of God Takes time to listen to the needs of others Obeys the Lord Reaches out to the lost



This month we recognize Pastor Toby for his service and dedication to the Lord at First Baptist. You have been our shepherd for one year now and we love you.

You lead us, you pray for us, you hear us, you visit us, you show us the Lord through your love.

hank you, Pastor Toby for all you do

October Happenings at FBC

Third Quarter Business Meeting

Every 3 months, FBC members have an opportunity and duty to serve the Lord.

The opportunity is to take part in the business of the Lord in our church. Discussions and decisions are made that will affect the future of First Baptist.

Business meetings are an important time for us. That makes it our duty to be a part of it.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30.

All reports from the offices should be turned in by October 9 in order assure inclusion in the Business Meeting Reports.

Please plan to attend.

Convention Time!

The Annual meeting of the WV Baptist Convention will be held at Alderson Broaddus University this year on October 18 and October 19 in Philippi, WV.

This year's Keynote Speaker is Pastor Ken Miller who was our pastor for 11 years.

The women will have their annual gathering on Friday of the convention. Our own Kathy Hudson will be coming on as the President of the WV ABWM on October 19. Amy Starkey will also be taking on the office of Treasurer for the women in January.

If you would like to go and/or be a delegate for our church, contact the church office for a registration form. Registrations are due by October 10.

See the included Annual Meeting flyers for additional information about locations and meals.

Children's Fall Festival

All kids love to dress up in costumes! Now is their chance to do it again!

On October 27 from 6:30 to 7:30, all the kids from grades 5 and under are invited to fun, games, food, crafts and a special costume parade at First Baptist.

Come out and have a great time!



The Great Pizza and Pumpkin Event



Thursday, October 24 at 6:00, we will be having **The Great Pizza and Pumpkin Event** in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be have a sign up sheet for anyone interested in this family fun night. You can bring your kids, or if you don't have any children around you can help other kids who may need it, to design and carve a pumpkin.

Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools! We will have some here at the church too.

We will also have a devotion and serve pizza and drinks - maybe even a pumpkin goodie!

Prizes for *Most Creative*, *Scariest*, *Funniest* and more will be awarded.

Prepare to have fun at The Great Pizza & Pumpkin Event!

Baptism and Rededication Service

On Sunday, September 29, Joshua Mize displayed his love for the Lord by rededicating his life through baptism. Josh had been baptized earlier in his life but did not fully remember it. He felt lead to be re-baptized.

This baptism won't be forgotten—spiritually or physically—the water temperature was about 40°!

Those of us attending won't forget either. Our hearts were touched by his desire to serve the Lord.

Josh, may the Lord bless your future as you continue to follow His leading.







Captivate is once again sponsoring a *Trick or Treat Street.* This will be on Thursday, October 31 from 6:00 to 8:30 at the church.

Anyone wishing to donate candy to this event, please bring your bag of treats to Ann's office or to the church office.

Honoring First Responders



ON September 11, the Board of Christian Education joined with members of FBC to take goody baskets to the Police, EMS and Fire Fighters serving Ravenswood. Here, BOCE member, Sandy Confer gives a basket to the police.

Cleaning Day at First Baptist



The Great Pizza and Pumpkin Event

Thursday October 24 6:00

FBC Church Picnic











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Picnic Prep



Waiting for the Dinner Bell







Lots of Love

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The 154th



- Friday, October 18 Saturday, October 19, 2019

Alderson Broaddus University

"to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Kenneth Miller Retired Pastor

> Annual Sermon Speaker: Rev. Rich Blain Pastor, South Parkersburg Baptist Church





Guest Speaker: Rev. Mark Wood Pastor, Spencer First Baptist Church



Executive Minister: Dr. Michael Sisson West Virginia Baptist Convention

DOING CHRIST'S WORK together,

SCHEDULE: Friday, October 18

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pre-Convention Activities

2:45 p.m. Session 1

Welcome and Opening Prayer -Doris Toothman Welcome from Host Location -Tim Barry Business Meeting 1 -Doris Toothman Executive Minister Address -Mike Sisson

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banguet

6:30 p.m. Session 2

Welcome and Opening Prayer -Lee Boso Ward Hibbs Award - Tim Barry Annual Sermon - Rich Blain Communion

8:30 p.m.

Alderson Broaddus University Reception

<u>Saturday, October 19</u>

<u>7:30 a.m.</u> Education Society Breakfast <u>8:00 a.m. - Exhibit Hall Opens</u> 8:30 a.m. - Workshop Session 1

9:15 a.m. - Session 3

Welcome and Opening Prayer -Ryan Stoner Recognition of New and Retired Pastors - David Hulme School of Christian Studies' Graduation - Mark McCloy James Anderson, Sr. Bivocational Pastor Award -Jim Anderson Guest Speaker - Mark Wood

11:15 a.m. - Workshop Session 2

<u>12:00 noon - Lunch Break</u> Luncheon Opportunities

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society Ministers' Spouses' Luncheon Palmer Theological Seminary Luncheon

2:45 p.m. Session 4 - Sanchuary

Welcome and Opening Prayer -Doris Toothman Business Meeting 2 -Doris Toothman Installation of Officers Keynote Address - Ken Miller Sending Out - Mike Sisson

Host Association Welcome Letter

On behalf of the member churches of the Union Association, I would like to welcome you to the 154th West Virginia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting at Alderson Broaddus University in Philippi.

Ephesians 4:16, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

The mission statement for the Union Association is "Greater things can be done together than apart." We pray during this meeting you will have something touch your heart through the worship, meetings and fellowship with old and new friends that will help you to be the Christian God intends you to be.

You will find all the activities, including meals on the Alderson Broaddus University Campus, in close walking distance. I would like to thank the West Virginia Baptist Convention staff; Alderson Broaddus University, for allowing us to use their facilities; and the volunteers from our association churches for their efforts in making this a successful meeting for all.

May God bless all involved, Aaron Helmick, Union Baptist Association Moderator

Speakers:

Keynote Speaker: Kenneth Miller

Kenneth's most recent pastorates include serving as pastor of Weston First Baptist Church (Broad Run), where he retired from in 2018, and serving as senior pastor, beginning in 2004, of Ravenswood First Baptist Church (Good Hope) for 11 years.

Ken has served on various local ministerial associations and boards and committees of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1983.

Ken lives in Weston with his wife, Allison. They have two adult children and one grandchild.

Annual Sermon:

Rich is the lead pastor at South Parkersburg Baptist Church (Parkersburg).

After 22 years as teacher and coach in Mason County, he began serving in fulltime pastoral ministry in 2013. Prior to becoming lead pastor of South Parkersburg Baptist Church in January 2018, his role with the church was serving as the assistant to lead pastor and site pastor of the LifeSpring Community Church satellite campus in Point Pleasant.

He received both his Bachelors' and Masters' degrees in education from Marshall University. In 2018, he received his Master of Divinity degree from Palmer Theological Seminary.

Rich is blessed with a wonderful and beautiful wife, Rodna, who has taught him so much about what it means to be a humble servant of Christ. "She is the most gracious supporter and partner that a pastor could have," Rich says. He and Rodna have a 16-year-oid very active and talented son, Luke.

Guest Speaker:

Mark is the pastor of Spencer First Baptist Church (Good Hope).

He has faithfully served five additional churches in West Virginia over the past 25 plus years. Active in the life of the Good Hope Association, he has served several leadership roles, including most recently, president of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

Mark is married to Sherry Vagott Wood. They have three adult children and seven grandchildren.



Wilcox Chapel at Alderson Broaddus University

Lodging Options;

Mountaineer Inn

14928 Barbour County Highway Route 250, Philippi 304,457,5888 Cost: \$60 plus tax until October 10, 2019 when you give the name: WVBC No elevator, all non-smoking rooms Each room has a refrigerator and microwave. Coffee provided in the lobby Free wifi, free parking, restaurant on premises 2 miles from the university

Hilton Garden Inn

606 Emily Drive, Clarksburg 304.326.9200 Cost: \$104 plus tax, includes breakfast, until September 17, 2019 when you give the name: WVBC Elevator, all non-smoking rooms Each room has a refrigerator, microwave and Keurig. Free wifi, free parking, restaurant on premises 15 miles from the university

Courtyard Mariott

30 Shaner Drive, Bridgeport 304.842.0444 Cost: \$93 plus tax, Alderson Broaddus University administrative/recruitment rate Includes breakfast from the bistro Free parking 28 miles from the university



Local Arrangements Committee

Front row (I to r):Cindy Britton, Julie Miller, Margaret Brown; back row (I to r): Rosemary McDonald, Aaron Helmick, Roger Delaney, Jon Villers Not pictured: Josh Singleton and Jessica Dickens.

Directions;

From Interstate 79

- Take Exit 115 off I-79
- Turn onto Route 20 South
- At the intersection of Routes 57 and 20, turn
 East (left) onto Route 57
 At the stop sign at the top of the long hill, turn

 At the stop sign at the top of the long hill, turn North (left) onto Route 119.

 Continue past the historic covered bridge and through the stop light traveling up hill.
 Turn left onto College Hill Road, then left onto the campus of Alderson Broaddus University

From Elkins and Route 33

Take Route 33/250 North

• Turn right onto Route 250 North. Stay on Route 250 through Belington and Philippi

Cross the historic covered bridge and turn right
onto Route 119/250 North.

 Continue straight through the stop light traveling up hill

 Turn left onto College Hill Road, then left onto the campus of Alderson Broaddus University

From Grafton and Route 50

 Take Route 250/119 South from Grafton
 Travel approximately 12 miles and turn right onto College Hill Road, then left onto the campus of Alderson Broaddus University

From Morgantown, Points East and Interstate 68

Take I-68 East to I-79 South
Take Exit 115 off I-79 and turn East (left) onto Route 57.
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FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, October 18

Baptist Campus Ministries' Banaut

Location: Alderson Broaddus University

Dining Hall Time: 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$15.00 Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

<u>Alderson Broaddus</u> Unicersity Reception

Location: Alderson Broaddus University Chapel Time: 8:30 p.m. (Following the end of the evening session) Cost: Free Refreshments will be served. Special music by The West Virginians

Saturday, October 19

West Virginia Baptist Education Society

Location: Alderson Broaddus Trustees' Board Room Time: 7:30 a.m Cost: Free For members only

West Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Location: Alderson Broaddus Trustees' Board Room Time: 12:00 noon Cost: \$12.00 Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

Ministers' Wires'

Fellowship Lunchson

Location: President's Board Room Time: 12:00 noon Cost: \$10.00 Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form. Registrations requested by October 11, 2019.

Palmes Theological

Seminary Lunchson

Location: Crim Dining Hall Time: 12:00 noon Cost: \$10.00 Purchase tickets on the Annual Meeting registration form.

Women's Day at the Convention



Contact the office or Sandy Confer if your child in interested in attending the Children's Fall Rally. Cost for early registration and a T-shirt will be paid by the church.



9:00 a.m. Registration 9:30-9:50 a.m. Welcome Singing 10:00-10:40 a.m. Lesson 1 10:45-11:25 a.m. Lesson 2 11:30-12:10 p.m. Lesson 3 12:15-12:45 p.m. Lunch 12:45-1:10p.m. Singing 1:15-1:55 p.m. Lesson 4 2:00-2:40 p.m. Lesson 5 2:45-3:00 p.m. Singing

Children, bring your BIBLES!

MISSION PROJECT

COMFORT KITS for HOOPS Family Children's Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital

Fuzzy Socks Activity Books Magnetic Games Tabletop Finger Games Nail Polish Chapstick Art Kits **Baby** Teethers Baby Rattles Baby Toys Small Stuffed Animals (no buttons) Books for birth to teen

All items must be new and in original

Pre-sale only. No t-shirts will be for sale at the Rally. Cost \$10.00 each and must be pre-ordered, pre-paid and post-marked by October 21st.





Presented by 14th Avenue Gospel Mission Church

October 26,27 & November 1, 2, 3

First group starts at 6:15 PM nightly

For group reservations/information: 14th Avenue Gospel Mission Church 4124 14th Avenue South Parkersburg, WV 26101 (304) 481-1038 thegosplemission.com







October is Change the World with Love Month!

In 1932, American Baptist Churches faced a \$500,000 deficit, and it was feared the financial crisis would limit God's work in the denomination. American Baptist Churches asked individuals to give financial contributions in excess of their tithes and pledges. Women, specifically, were challenged to raise \$150,000 to help meet the crisis. Receiving the challenge, women began the over-and-above contribution called Love Gift.

From the outset, women collected funds for Love Gift in small boxes. The first were called Silver Boxes, illustrating that beneath every cloud there exists a silver lining. The silver placed in these boxes would help dispel the clouds of financial difficulty overshadowing the mission. Printed on these boxes were the words: "If we know we pray; if we pray we give." Later the boxes were designed to complement the title of the women's annual program theme. The 1941 theme was "love," leading to the idea of "Love Gift" boxes.

This month, The ladies of CIRCLE will be collecting change in jars at each entrance for the month for Love Gift.

Reach in those pockets and help Change the World with Love!

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CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cassandra McKown	2 Carolyn Mellinger	3 Ross & April Mellinger,Katie, Logan, Peyton	4 Don & Phyllis Michael	5 Darryl & Roberta Miller
6 Sue Miller	7 Ben & Christie Mize	8 Cari Mize	9 Jesse Mize	10 Joshua Mize	11 David & Mary Jo Moore, Hunter	12 Jon & Jane Moore
13 Eugene & Jessica Morgan, Aiden, Jazalyn	14 Shealyn Moss, Emrie	15 Rick & Cathy Murray	16 John "Nikki" Nicholson	17 Megan Noble, Brody	18 John & Jennifer Ortt	19 Allen & Holly Palmer
20 Tyler & Jennifer Pitts, Owen, Isabella	21 Mick & Susan Price	22 Mary Proctor	23 Amy Purdue	24 Kay Pursley	25 Roger & Belinda Rader	26 Lee & Connie Reynolds
27 Tyler & Michelle Ritchie, Mary Beth	28 Josh Ritchie	29 Rhonda Ritchie	30 Brent & Angel Ritchie, Conner, Lincoln	31 Rankin Roach		

